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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JUNE 26, 2001

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

Ex Parte: In the matter of CASE NO. PUC000304  
implementation of number  
conservation measures granted  
to Virginia by the Federal  
Communications Commission in its  
Order released July 20, 2000

ORDER ON MOTION

On February 16, 2001, the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") issued an Order naming Telcordia Technologies ("Telcordia") as Virginia's interim number pooling administrator and implementing thousand-block number pooling in the 804/434 area code. Pursuant to that Order and a subsequent Order entered on March 27, 2001, Virginia's first interim thousand-block pooling trials have been, or will be, implemented in the 804/434, 757, and 540 area codes by Telcordia on June 15, 2001; October 12, 2001; and November 15, 2001; respectively.

In order to compensate Telcordia for its costs in conducting the number pooling trials in these NPAs, the Commission must establish a cost allocation methodology to fairly distribute these costs among carriers in Virginia.

By motion filed on June 25, 2001, the Commission Staff ("Staff") proposed a cost allocation methodology whereby each

carrier's allocation of total shared costs would be prorated based upon the number of thousand blocks it holds in the NPA as a percentage of the total thousand-number blocks held by all carriers in that NPA.

In its motion, the Staff states that by charging for number pooling costs in direct proportion to the share of thousand-number blocks that carriers hold, no carrier will be placed at a competitive disadvantage by bearing a disproportionate share of pooling costs. Also, according to the Staff, this allocation method directs each carrier to bear an equivalent share of costs in direct proportion to the resources it has withdrawn from the system.

The Staff further states that for those carriers participating in the number pool, their total number blocks used in the calculation would be the total number of NXX codes in their inventory, plus any thousand blocks they have drawn from the pool, less any thousand blocks they have donated to the pool. For carriers not participating in the number pool, the allocation of shared pooling costs would be based on the total number of NXX codes they hold in the NPA (each NXX counting as ten thousand-number blocks). According to the Staff, this methodology allows Telcordia to calculate each carrier's shared costs without access to any confidential number utilization data.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of the Staff's motion, is of the opinion that interested parties should have an opportunity to comment on the Staff's proposed cost allocation methodology.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) On or before July 20, 2001, interested parties may file comments on the Staff's proposed cost allocation methodology.

(2) A copy of this Order shall be forwarded promptly for publication in the Virginia Register of Regulations.

(3) This matter is continued for further orders of the Commission.